

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. An apparatus comprising:
  - 2 a first phase shifter to provide subcarrier dependent phase shifts to modulation
  - 3 symbols associated with an orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) signal
  - 4 to generate first phase shifted modulation symbols, wherein said modulation symbols
  - 5 correspond to subcarriers of the OFDM signal; and
  - 6 a first inverse discrete Fourier transform unit to convert said first phase shifted
  - 7 modulation symbols from a frequency domain representation to a time domain
  - 8 representation.
  
- 1 2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
  - 2 a second phase shifter to provide subcarrier dependent phase shifts to said
  - 3 modulation symbols associated with said OFDM signal to generate second phase
  - 4 shifted modulation symbols, wherein said second phase shifter provides different
  - 5 subcarrier dependent phase shifts to said modulation symbols than said first phase
  - 6 shifter; and
  - 7 a second inverse discrete Fourier transform unit to convert said second phase
  - 8 shifted modulation symbols from a frequency domain representation to a time domain
  - 9 representation;
  - 10 wherein said first inverse discrete Fourier transform unit is associated with a
  - 11 first antenna path and said second inverse discrete Fourier transform unit is associated
  - 12 with a second antenna path.
  
- 1 3. The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising:
  - 2 at least one other phase shifter to provide subcarrier dependent phase shifts to
  - 3 said modulation symbols associated with said OFDM signal to generate other phase
  - 4 shifted modulation symbols, wherein said at least one other phase shifter provides
  - 5 different subcarrier dependent phase shifts to said modulation symbols than said first
  - 6 and second phase shifters; and

7           at least one other inverse discrete Fourier transform unit to convert said other  
8   phase shifted modulation symbols from a frequency domain representation to a time  
9   domain representation.

1   4.       The apparatus of claim 2, wherein:  
2           said first and second inverse discrete Fourier transform units are fast Fourier  
3   transform (FFT) units.

1   5.       The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:  
2           said first phase shifter provides a phase shift to a first modulation symbol based  
3   on a difference between a frequency of a corresponding subcarrier and a center  
4   frequency of a channel in which said OFDM symbol is to be transmitted.

1   6.       The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:  
2           said first phase shifter provides subcarrier dependent phase shifts to said  
3   modulation symbols based on an approximate coherence bandwidth associated with the  
4   apparatus.

1   7.       The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:  
2           said modulation symbols associated with said OFDM signal includes at least a  
3   first modulation symbol and a second modulation symbol, said first modulation symbol  
4   being associated with a first subcarrier and said second modulation symbol being  
5   associated with a second subcarrier that is adjacent to said first subcarrier in frequency,  
6   wherein said phase shifter provides phase shifts to said first and second modulation  
7   symbols that differ by approximately  $360/B$  degrees, where  $B$  represents an  
8   approximate coherence bandwidth.

1   8.       A method comprising:  
2           acquiring modulation symbols to be used to generate an orthogonal frequency  
3   division multiplexing (OFDM) signal, said modulation symbols including at least a first

4 symbol and a second symbol, wherein said modulation symbols correspond to  
5 subcarriers of the OFDM signal;

6 applying a first phase shift to said first symbol that is dependant upon the  
7 subcarrier associated with said first symbol to generate a first phase shifted symbol; and

8 applying a second phase shift to said second symbol that is dependent upon the  
9 subcarrier associated with said second symbol to generate a second phase shifted  
10 symbol.

1 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising:

2 applying an inverse discrete Fourier transform to a group of modulation symbols  
3 that includes said first phase shifted symbol and said second phase shifted symbol.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein:

2 said modulation symbols to be used to generate said OFDM signal include other  
3 symbols in addition to said first symbol and said second symbol, said method further  
4 comprising applying subcarrier dependent phase shifts to said other symbols to generate  
5 other phase shifted symbols, wherein said group of modulation symbols includes said  
6 other phase shifted symbols.

1 11. The method of claim 8, wherein:

2 applying a first phase shift to said first symbol includes applying a phase shift  
3 that is linearly related to a frequency of the subcarrier associated with said first symbol.

1 12. The method of claim 8, wherein:

2 applying a first phase shift to said first symbol includes applying a phase shift  
3 that is non-linearly related to a frequency of the subcarrier associated with said first  
4 symbol.

1       13.     The method of claim 8, wherein:  
2              applying a first phase shift to said first symbol includes applying a phase shift  
3       that is related to an approximate coherence bandwidth of a corresponding channel.

1       14.     The method of claim 8, wherein:  
2              said first and second phase shifted symbols are to be transmitted from a first  
3       antenna; and  
4              said method further comprises:

5                  applying a third phase shift to said first symbol that is dependant upon  
6       the subcarrier associated with said first symbol to generate a third phase shifted  
7       symbol, wherein said third phase shift is different from said first phase shift;  
8       and

9                  applying a fourth phase shift to said second symbol that is dependent  
10      upon the subcarrier associated with said second symbol to generate a fourth  
11      phase shifted symbol, wherein said fourth phase shift is different from said  
12      second phase shift;

13                wherein said third and fourth phase shifted symbols are to be transmitted  
14      from a second antenna, said second antenna being different from said first  
15      antenna.

1       15.     An apparatus comprising:  
2              an interleaver to separate a serial input stream of modulation symbols into N  
3       spatial streams, where N is a positive integer greater than 1; and  
4              a steering unit to receive said N spatial streams and to steer the associated  
5       modulation symbols into M antenna paths, where M is a positive integer greater than 1,  
6       wherein said steering unit provides subcarrier dependent phase shifts to modulation  
7       symbols associated with at least one of said N spatial streams.

1       16.     The apparatus of claim 15, wherein:  
2              said M antenna paths includes at least a first path and a second path; and

3            said apparatus further includes a first inverse discrete Fourier transform unit  
4    within said first path and a second inverse discrete Fourier transform unit within said  
5    second path.

1    17.    The apparatus of claim 15, wherein:  
2            said first and second inverse discrete Fourier transform units are fast Fourier  
3    transform units.

1    18.    The apparatus of claim 15, wherein N equals M.

1    19.    The apparatus of claim 15, wherein N does not equal M.

1    20.    The apparatus of claim 15, wherein:  
2            said apparatus is adapted for use within a multiple input multiple output  
3    (MIMO) based transmitting device.

1    21.    The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising:  
2            a mapper to map input data bits into a serial stream of modulation symbols  
3    based on a predetermined modulation scheme, said serial stream of modulation symbols  
4    for delivery to an input of said interleaver.

1    22.    The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising:  
2            a forward error correction (FEC) coder to encode user data based on a  
3    predetermined error code, said FEC coder to deliver encoded data bits to an input of  
4    said mapper.

1    23.    The apparatus of claim 15, wherein:  
2            said steering unit provides subcarrier dependent phase shifts to modulation  
3    symbols associated with at least two spatial streams, wherein different phase sequences  
4    are used for each of said at least two spatial streams.

1    24.    The apparatus of claim 15, wherein:  
2                 said steering unit provides subcarrier dependent phase shifts to modulation  
3                 symbols associated with N-1 of said N spatial streams, wherein different phase  
4                 sequences are used for each of said N-1 spatial streams.

1    25.    The apparatus of claim 15, wherein:  
2                 said steering unit provides subcarrier dependent phase shifts to modulation  
3                 symbols associated with each of said N spatial streams, wherein different phase  
4                 sequences are used for each of said N spatial streams.

1    26.    A system comprising:  
2                 a first phase shifter to provide subcarrier dependent phase shifts to modulation  
3                 symbols associated with an orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) signal  
4                 to generate first phase shifted modulation symbols, wherein said modulation symbols  
5                 correspond to subcarriers of the OFDM signal;  
6                 a first inverse discrete Fourier transform unit to convert said first phase shifted  
7                 modulation symbols from a frequency domain representation to a time domain  
8                 representation; and  
1                 at least one dipole antenna element to transmit a radio frequency (RF) signal  
2                 that includes said time domain representation of said phase shifted modulation symbols.

1    27.    The system of claim 26, further comprising:  
2                 a guard interval addition unit to add a guard interval to said time domain  
3                 representation of said phase shifted modulation symbols.

1    28.    The system of claim 27, further comprising:  
2                 an RF transmitter located between said guard interval addition unit and said at  
3                 least one dipole antenna element to generate said RF signal using said time domain  
4                 representation of said phase shifted modulation symbols.

1        29. An article comprising a storage medium having instructions stored thereon that,  
2        when executed by a computing platform, operate to:

3              acquire modulation symbols to be used to generate an orthogonal frequency  
4        division multiplexing (OFDM) signal, said modulation symbols including at least a first  
5        symbol and a second symbol, wherein said modulation symbols correspond to  
6        subcarriers of the OFDM signal;

7              apply a first phase shift to said first symbol that is dependant upon the subcarrier  
8        associated with said first symbol to generate a first phase shifted symbol; and

9              apply a second phase shift to said second symbol that is dependent upon the  
10      subcarrier associated with said second symbol to generate a second phase shifted  
11      symbol.

1        30. The article of claim 29, wherein said instructions, when executed by the  
2        computing platform, further operate to:

3              apply an inverse discrete Fourier transform to a group of modulation symbols  
4        that includes said first phase shifted symbol and said second phase shifted symbol.

1        31. The article of claim 29, wherein:

2              to apply a first phase shift to said first symbol includes to apply a phase shift  
3        that is linearly related to a frequency of the subcarrier associated with said first symbol.

1        32. The article of claim 29, wherein:

2              to apply a first phase shift to said first symbol includes to apply a phase shift  
3        that is non-linearly related to a frequency of the subcarrier associated with said first  
4        symbol.

1        33. The article of claim 29, wherein:

2              to apply a first phase shift to said first symbol includes to apply a phase shift  
3        that is related to an approximate coherence bandwidth of a corresponding channel.